

that is configured using a pressure sensor mounted on a base member and encapsulated in a hold member which is made by elastic material and is formed in around shape suited for grip of the user.

a storage medium for storing performance data and tone color data with respect to at least a single musical tune constructed by a plurality of parts respectively corresponding to a plurality of tone colors;

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End a tone color assignor for assigning the plurality of tone colors to the plurality of performance operators;

a musical tone signal generator for generating musical tone signals based on the performance data stored in the storage medium so as to play automatic performance or for generating musical tone signals in response to the tone-generation instructions being issued from each of the plurality of performance operators so as to play manual performance using each of the tone colors assigned to the performance operators; and

a plurality of speakers for producing musical tones corresponding to the musical tone signals of the automatic performance or manual performance, wherein the plurality of speakers are arranged on the main unit in connection with the plurality of performance operators respectively.

14. (Amended) A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising:

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CMT an speaker that informs the user of generation of the musical tone signals generated by the musical tone signal generator.

15. (Amended) A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising:

a storage medium for storing musical tone control data; and

an automatic performance controller for controlling the musical tone signal generator based on the musical tone control data stored in the storage to play automatic performance.

16. (Amended) A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a storage medium for storing musical tone control data; and

an automatic performance controller for controlling the musical tone signal generator based on the musical tone control data stored in the storage to play automatic performance.

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17. (Amended) A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 14 further comprising:

a storage medium for storing musical tone control data; and

an automatic performance controller for controlling the musical tone signal generator based on the musical tone control data stored in the storage to play automatic performance.
